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REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 30 through 32.

In the Claims

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to provide that the method of the invention is scale or magnification is automatically modified based upon a confidence that the object is being tracked. The recitation of the modification patentably distinguishes claims 1 through 25 from Abecassis '653, which relates only to the tracking of an object. Thus, the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

In view of these amendments, applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

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